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NOTIFICATION

I. The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs and United Nationals Development Programme have signed an agreement for implementing a project for Natural Disaster Risk Management in order to reduce the vulnerability of communities in identified disaster-prone areas to natural disasters. The goals and objectives of the programme include sustainable reduction in vulnerability to disasters in some of the most hazard prone districts in the selected States of the country.

The programme has been divided into two phases over a period of six years. The State of Sikkim has been included in phase II of the programme (2003-2007) and the districts which have been selected to be covered are (1) North (2) South (3) East (4) West.

II. The Government of Sikkim has approved that the District Magistrate will implement the programme with the assistance of his officials in the district. The District Magistrate will designate one of the senior officers of his office as the District Nodal Officer for this purpose. He would be supported by a District Project Officer appointed by UNDP.

III. The programme components will include-

(a) Development of District Disaster Management Plans.

(b) Development of Disaster Risk Management and Response Plans at Village/Ward, Gram Panchayat, Sub- Division, Urban Local Body and District levels.

(c) Constitution of disaster management teams and committees at all levels with adequate representation of women in all committees and teams. (Village/Ward, Gram Panchayat, Sub-Division, Urban Local Body and District).

(d) Capacity building of disaster management teams at all levels, special training for women in first aid, shelter management, water and sanitation, rescue and evacuation etc.

(e) Capacity building in landslide and earthquake resistant features for houses in disaster prone districts, training in retrofitting and construction of technology demonstration units.

(f) Integration of disaster management plans with development plans of local self- governments.

IV. The project envisages the following initiatives :--